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inactivating the toxin or toxoid; and

optionally packaging the inactivated toxin or toxoid.

41. A process for preparing an immunogenic composition comprising
expressing one or more toxins or the corresponding toxoids in a cell according to

claim 29;

harvesting a supernatant ;

optionally, treating the supernatant to purify or concentrate the toxin or toxoid;

inactivating the toxin or toxoid; and

optionally packaging the inactivated toxin or toxoid.

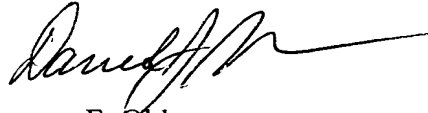
REMARKS

Claims 1-17, 19, 21, 22, and 24-41 are active in the present application. The claims are amended for clarity and to remove multiply dependent claims. No new matter has been added by the amendments submitted above.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notice of such is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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